

Summer Reading 2008

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IntroductionThe 2008 Summer Reading Program is open to young people, preschool through young adult, with programs, prize drawings, story hours, a reading club, and more!

Find your local library in our Public Library Directory.**CATCH THE READING BUG**Join "Catch the Reading Bug"; this summer at the your local public library and discover the amazing world of insects. For more information, visit our South Carolina Public Library Directory and find the library in your neighborhood.Check out the video for Catch the Reading Bug on YouTube in English and Spanish . BooksCarle, Eric. The Grouchy Ladybug. HarperCollins reprint, 1996. A grouchy ladybug, looking for a fight, challenges everyone she meets regardless of their size or strength.Cronin, Doreen. Diary of a Spider. HarperCollins, 2005. This clever picture book weaves lots of information about the habits and life cycle of a spider into a humorous diary about a young spider's activities, including a sleepover at Worm's where he's worried about what will be served for dinner. Illustrated by Harry Bliss, the artist for the Catch the Reading Bug program.Dussling, Jennifer. Bug Off (Eek! Stories to Make You Shriek). Grosset & Dunlap, 1997. Bugsy, who delights in tormenting and destroying bugs, finds out what it is like to be small, helpless, and a victim of cruelty.Ehlert, Lois. Waiting for Wings. Harcourt, 2001. Follows the life cycle of four common butterflies, from their beginnings as tiny hidden eggs and hungry caterpillars to their transformation into full-grown butterflies.

Websites

Bee Buzz for Kids

This site offers photos, information, games, and puzzles about bees in a kid-friendly format.

Bug Guide Net

This online resource is devoted to North American insects, spiders, and their kin; and offers identification, images, and information.

Eco Kids. The Great Bug Hunt

Online game for 7- to 12-year-olds in which players must find the beneficial bugs in a garden.

Charlotte's Web: The Story Behind the Movie

Learn about spiders like Charlotte (how they spin their webs, eat, lay eggs, and balloon); meet E. B. White (as a young boy and a grown man); see where White lived and wrote his stories; view White's barn (which was the model for Zuckerman's farm); hear White read from the book; and, learn about pigs (like Wilbur) and rats (like Templeton).

Butterflies and Moths of North America

A searchable database of butterfly and moth records in the United States and Mexico.

Alien Empire

A multimedia Web companion to the fascinating three-week PBS mini-series on insects. This site includes graphics, sound and animation, enhanced video, and activities for children.Did you know you could find a list of great books that meet South Carolina Education Standards in English Language Arts? Check them out (p. 167). **METAMORPHOSIS @ YOUR LIBRARY**Area teens are invited to a Metamorphosis @ Your Library this summer by participating in South Carolina's teen summer library program. Teens are invited to go to their local library and read for prizes as well as to take part in special events offered throughout the summer. For more information, visit our South Carolina Public Library Directory and find the library in your neighborhood.Check out the video for Metamorphosis on YouTube in English and Spanish. Metamorphosis means change, a complete change of appearance, character, circumstances, form, structure, or substance. Here are some great websites that can help you make changes in your own life and community.

CHANGE YOUR INSIDE

Are there elements of your personality or character that you'd like to change? Want to explore your creative side? These resources can help.

- ETV's Moral Courage
- Know it All's Artopia

CHANGE YOUR OUTSIDE

Get active this summer! These tools can help.

- South Carolina's Hands on Health for Teens
- Know it All's Healthy
- Nutrition.gov
- Making Sense of Portion Sizes

CHANGE YOUR SURROUNDINGS

Now that you're changing you, how about change the world?

- South Carolina Department of Health & Environmental Control's Recycling Office
- Environmental Protection Agency's High School Environmental Center

- Ready to Vote
- America's Promise
- Do Something

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